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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *15 December 2003*.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) *1-20* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) *1-20* is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: There is a

missing application number for a related copending application.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 7-20, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Jones et al U.S.Patent Application Publication 2002/0188841.

1.   As per **claim 1**, Jones et al discloses a system for managing digital assets in a

distributed data processing system, the system comprising:

a network of data processing systems (see fig. 1);

a plurality of local knowledge management servers 6 connected to the network

wherein each of the plurality of local knowledge management servers connected to and

maintains a local digital asset repository (fig. 1, 0013, 0023, 0038);

a central knowledge management server (fig. 1, 0047); and

a central registry of digital assets; wherein each of the plurality local knowledge

management servers sends location and identifying information concerning a digital

asset the central knowledge management server whenever a digital asset saved to a

local digital asset repository corresponding appropriate one of the plurality of knowledge

management servers(fig. 1, 0047); and

the central knowledge management server stores the location and identifying

information concerning the digital asset in the central registry of digital assets (fig. 1,

0046, 0047).

2.   As per **claim 2**, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein each of the

plurality of local knowledge management servers presents a user interface to a user to

allow the user to access digital assets stored on any one of the local digital asset

repositories within the network (fig. 1 and 2, 0016, 0022, 0038, 0043, 0046).

3.   As per **claim 3**, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the user

interface allows the user to perform administrative tasks and set up local work flows

(0047, 0055).

4.   As per **claim 4**, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the

central knowledge management server authenticates local knowledge management

servers before accepting information from the local knowledge management server for

storage on the central registry of digital assets (0053, 0064).

5. As per **claim 5**, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the central knowledge management server performs at least one of providing access to the central registry of digital assets to local knowledge management servers, enables automatic check-in/check-out of digital assets into the 6 central registry of digital assets, provides version control digital assets, provides a shadow registry for 8 redundant copies of digital assets, and captures statistics of and about the digital assets (fig. 1, 0013, 0017, 0020, 0047, 0057, 0059).

7. As per **claim 7**, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein a one of the plurality of local knowledge management servers retrieves the location of a requested digital asset by querying the central knowledge management server and, once the location of the requested digital asset is determined, retrieves the requested digital asset directly from another one of the plurality of local knowledge management servers on whose corresponding local digital asset repository the requested digital asset is located (0018, 0019, 0020).

8. As per **claim 8**, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the digital assets comprise at least one of text, audio, video, photographs, and graphics (0013, 0014, 0035).

10.   As per claim **10, 14 and 18**, Jones et al further discloses the method, further

comprising:

        determining a security level of the digital asset; and sending security level

information to the central registry of digital assets (0064, 0068).

9.   As per **claim 9, 13 and 17**, Jones et al discloses a method of managing digital

assets in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising:

        receiving a request to store a digital asset (fig. 1 and 2);

        storing the digital asset on a local digital asset repository(0047, 0052); and

        sending information to a central registry of digital assets, wherein the information

indicates the identity of the digital asset and the location that the digital asset

is stored (0047, 0052).

11.   As per **claim 11, 15 and 19**, Jones et al further discloses the method, wherein

sending information a central registry of digital assets comprises:

        sending the information from a local knowledge management server to a central

knowledge management (fig. 1, 0047);

        authenticating at the central knowledge management server that the local

knowledge management server is authorized to save digital asset information to the

central registry of digital assets (0053, 0059); and

saving, by the central knowledge management server, the information in the

central registry of digital assets the local digital asset management server is authorized

(0052, 0064).

12.   As per **claim 12, 16 and 20**, Jones et al further discloses the method, further

comprising:

refraining, at the central knowledge management server, from saving the

information in the central registry of digital assets if the local knowledge management

server is not authenticated (0053, 0064).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 6, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et

al U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0188841 in view of Levy et al U.S. Patent

Application Publication 2002/0033844.

6.   As per **claim 6**, Jones et al failed to explicitly disclose the system, wherein the

central knowledge management server provides at least one of generating reports

based on digital asset usage, generating reports based on digital asset type, generating

reports based on business unit, generates reports based on geography, and generates

reports based on revenues.

Levy et al discloses the system, wherein the central knowledge management

server provides at least one of generating reports based on digital asset usage,

generating reports based on digital asset type, generating reports based on business

unit, generates reports based on geography, and generates reports based on revenues

(0104, 0134).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time

of applicant's invention to modify the method of Jones et al and incorporate the the

system, wherein the central knowledge management server provides at least one of

generating reports based on digital asset usage, generating reports based on digital

asset type, generating reports based on business unit, generates reports based on

geography, and generates reports based on revenues as taught by Levy et al in order to

generate report based on any of the above criteria.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to
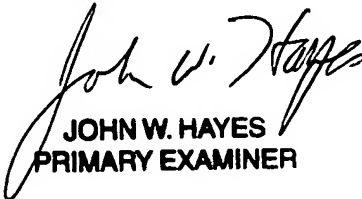
applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is (703) 305-

0586. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305 – 9768. The fax phone

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